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DURING A MEETING FEBRUARY 26 WITH US RUBBER INDUSTRY REPRESENTATIVES, ONE INDUSTRY REP WHO RECENTLY VISITED MALAYSIA AND MET WITH GOM PRIMARY INDUSTRIES MINISTER MUSA HITAM TOLD DEPTOFFS THAT MUSA HITAM WILL SIGN THE FIFTH INTERNATIONAL TIN AGREEMENT (ITA) FOR GOM, PROBABLY BY MID-MARCH. HE SAID MUSA HITAM WILL BE IN BRAZIL FOR A CONFERENCE IN EARLY MARCH, ANDPLANS TO STOP OVER IN NEW YORK DURING HIS RETURN TRIP TO MALAYSIA TO SIGN THE ITA AT THE UN. WE UNDERSTAND THAT MUSA HITAM DOES NOT PLAN TO VISIT WASHINGTON WHILE IN THE US. INGERSOLL

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